



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Crown Point Road Fuel Reduction Project		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Project is located across the existing right of way for Crown Point Road south of State Highway 32 approximately 10 miles north and east of the city of Chico, CA. Portions of Sections 19 and 20, T23N, R3E, and Section 24, T23N, R2E, MDBM.	<b>COUNTY</b>	Butte
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project sponsored by the Forest Ranch Fire Safe Council involves the hand clearing of brush, small trees (trees less than 6" in diameter) and dead woody debris (snags less than 11" in diameter) along both sides of Crown Point Road to reduce the fire hazard and create a fuel break within the 60' road right of way. The project will be 17,360' in length and 60' in width, totaling 23.9 acres. Fuels will be piled for burning later in the season when moisture levels are sufficiently high enough to allow for safe disposal and minimal risk for escape. All work will be performed by hand crews, and all equipment will be limited to paved or graveled roadbeds and/or driveways. Rare Plant survey, Natural Diversity Data Base inquiry, and Cultural Resource survey have been performed for this project (June of 2011). No sensitive species, nor cultural resources were identified within the project area or immediate vicinity of the project area. CAL FIRE Region Archaeologist has been consulted, no issues or concerns were identified.

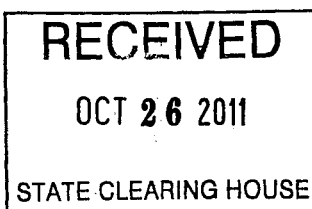
### EXEMPTION STATUS

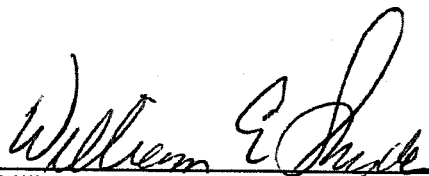
- ☒ **Categorical** Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land Exemption
- ☐ **Statutory Exemption** (state code section):
- ☐ **Ministerial** (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ **Declared Emergency** (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ **Emergency Project** (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the definitions of the above-listed Categorical Exemption authorized in the CEQA Guidelines. Field review and office research conducted by Randolph Vasquez and confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. I have concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at, 1600 Feather River Blvd Suite B, Oroville, California, CA 95965, Attn. Randolph Vasquez.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 10/19/11  
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